

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Applicants herein amend claims 5-8 and 17. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 5-8, 14 and 17 will remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 5-8 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 5 has been amended to more specifically recite a method that uses a data structure rather than a data structure itself. The remaining claims have been amended for consistency with claim 5. Since no art has been cited in the Office Action, and these claims were earlier found to be allowable, the rejection should be overcome and the claims allowed. The Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned to discuss alternate means of overcoming this rejection if the present amendments are not considered sufficient.

Allowable Subject Matter

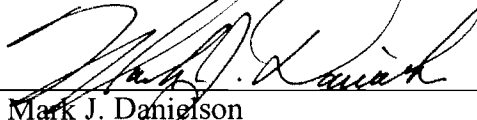
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 14 is allowed. Based on the Examiner's earlier indication, that other pending claims were allowable over the prior art, and because the rejection under 101 has been overcome, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be resolved through a telephone interview, s/he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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